

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

WC-15J

## CERTIFIED MAIL 7014 2870 0001 9580 7900 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Scott Lewis Sewer Board Attorney 530 Court Avenue Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Re: City of Jeffersonville Financial Capability Assessment Update and Request for Consultation Regarding Proposed Modification of the Long Term Control Plan. Consent Decree #4:09-CV-0125DFH-WGH

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In a September 7, 2016 letter to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), you requested consultation with IDEM and with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the Agencies) regarding a request for a proposed modification to the City of Jeffersonville's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). Your letter included a request for a "10-year extension to complete its [Jeffersonville's] remaining projects under the current LTCP and further consultation to implement more economically feasible CSO levels of control for its LTCP." The City also provided an updated Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) dated September 2016.

In reviewing your request, the Agencies have identified information that we need to consider your proposal. Specifically, the Agencies request that the City provide the following information:

- 1. Provide an FCA aligned with the 10 year extension that you have proposed. The September 2016 FCA you sent IDEM aligns with the current LTCP schedule. In order to evaluate if a longer schedule is appropriate, the Agencies need an FCA evaluation of the proposed schedule.
- 2. Please clarify if, in addition to a 10 year extension, the City is requesting a change in the level of control required by the LTCP or a change in controls to be implemented. If the City is requesting either, please provide a detailed description of the changes that the City is requesting including a proposed schedule.

3. The City's request includes cost estimates of \$15 million for upgrades to meet the phosphorus discharge limit included in the City's draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. Please provide the basis for these estimates and more detail about the proposed projects that are the basis for these estimates. Please also explain whether the estimates are based on projects to achieve the limit in the draft permit or a different level of control. Please provide the alternative approaches considered and the engineer's opinion of probable costs.

Finally, please communicate directly with both EPA and IDEM regarding any requested changes to the Federal Consent Decree or the LTCP. As EPA and IDEM receive more detailed information to evaluate your request, we will be in a position to have a more productive consultation as requested.

Your responses to items (1) through (3) above should be in writing and should be mailed to:

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For all other inquiries and communications directed to the EPA and IDEM concerning the City of Jeffersonville's updated FCA, the City's proposed modification of the Consent Decree and the LTCP approved under the Consent Decree, and all other related matters, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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Marc Hancock, IDEM
Nigel Cooney, Department of Justice
Terry Branigan, EPA
Len Ashack, Director, City of Jeffersonville Wastewater Department

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